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Ms. Marcy Leavitt, Director
New Mexico Environment Department
Water and Waste Management Division
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Ms. Leavitt:


Re: Notification of Change in Manager for
Chino Administrative Order on Consent

Per the Article XI, Section B, under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), Chino Mines Company (Chino) notifies the New Mexico Environment Department that Ms. Kathryn Lynnes has been formally replaced as AOC Manager by Mr. Ned Hall on October 7, 2009. In September 2009, Ms. Lynnes left Chino for employment elsewhere. This management change will be duly noted in the AOC quarterly report per Article IX, Section E Item 3.

Mr. Hall, Manager-Water Quality Programs for Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold brings high level project and remediation skills along with over 18 years of environmental management experience to this position. 12 years of this experience was in New Mexico at the Chino and Cobre mines sites. The Technical Group already includes Ms. Pamela Pinson who has worked on the Chino AOC since January 2000.

Please contact Mr. Ned Hall at (520) 229-6470 or me at (575) 537-4237, if you have any questions regarding the change of AOC managers.

Sincerely,


Timothy E. Eastep, Manager
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